



EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
International Writing Program at the University of Iowa
August 24 - November 12, 2013

Deadline for preliminary applications: Friday, March 29, 2013

The U.S. Embassy is pleased to announce that applications are being accepted for the International Writing Program (IWP) at the University of Iowa August 24 to November 12, 2013. This 10-week residency program in Iowa City brings together established and emerging creative writers from the United States and other countries to examine current trends in literature. The program will help international participants bring their countries' literary works to a wider audience, and enable participants to work with student translators, attend literary events, meet with local writers and collaborate with artists, and learn more about American literature.

Ideal candidates:

IWP provides a unique inter-cultural experience for established writers who have achieved literary distinction in their own countries, as well as for rising stars who have demonstrated literary talent, broad appeal and/or an interest in contributing to the creative writing culture in their home countries. Poets, fiction writers, dramatists, and screenwriters are eligible for nomination. Writers whose publications and careers focus on literary translation and non-fiction (feature journalism, cultural commentary, biography, and memoirs) will be judged primarily by their work in one of the creative genres.

Eligibility Requirements: Potential participants for this IWP:

1. Should have at least one published volume of work, or works that have appeared in significant publications over a period of at least two years.
2. Should be comfortable with cross- cultural dynamics, and interested in close interaction with other artists from a variety of diverse cultures.
3. Should be fluent in English.

Please note that in order for writers to benefit fully from this International Writing Program, they will need to have the flexibility in their schedules to spend 10 weeks in the United States. Due to housing limitations at the University of Iowa and the intense nature of this residency, family members are not allowed to accompany the writers during the residency.

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